

MAYOR WILLIAMS' WARD 4 END OF THE SUMMER UPDATE - 2005



CRIME CONTINUES TO DECREASE; WHILE ADDITIONAL HOT SPOT DESIGNATED

The reduction in crime throughout the city is a result of considerable coordination and concentrated efforts of communities, MPD and other District Government agencies. Ward 4 is no exception. Since the beginning of the calendar year, there have been 7 crime walkthroughs or fight back activities throughout the ward in which members of the community banded together with police officers and other government officials to focus attention and resources on crime. Additionally, under **Mayor Williams' Hot Spot Initiative**, Georgia Avenue and Shepherd Street have recently been designated Hot Spots to combat crime. The Hot Spot efforts concentrate government resources and personnel to tackle crime. **If you are interested in finding out more about these or other crime fighting activities, call MPD at 202-737-4404 or visit MPD's website at www.mpd.dc.gov.**

800 NEW JOBS AT GALLERY PLACE WELCOMED BY MAYOR WILLIAMS

In May, **Mayor Williams** welcomed 5 major new retailers: **Clydes**, celebrated its downtown DC location; **Aveda** Institute introduced their salon, spa, and school; **Lucky Strike**, the

bowling/dining concept from Los Angeles was introduced as was **Zengo**, restaurant of renowned Chef Richard Sandoval. **Bed, Bath and Beyond** also announced that they would open a store in Gallery Place. Gallery Place is expected to generate **\$19 million in sales and property taxes a year. 800 permanent jobs are expected when construction is complete.** **Looking for a new job or training? Call DOES at 202-724-7000.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WARD 4?

Education and Recreation

The **Brightwood Elementary School** continues to undergo a **\$20 million modernization project.** The project is expected to be completed in November 2006. Approximately 500 students are currently enrolled in the school. **Interested in more information about the status of this project or other DCPS services, call DCPS at 202-724-4222 or visit their website at www.k12.dc.us**

The results of considerable planning and citizen involvement in the area of recreation are beginning to be seen throughout Ward 4. In February, 2005 **Mayor Williams** joined members of the community, Councilmember Fenty and other District Government officials to open the **new state of the art \$16 million Takoma Community Center.** The facility includes an Aquatic Center, an atrium, classrooms, office space, locker rooms, a computer room, and fitness center and weight room. The facility can also seat 500 spectators overlooking the pool.

Also in February, construction began on the **Lamond Recreation Center.** The new **6,000 square foot facility** will include a multi-purpose

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room, meeting space, a fitness room, an arts and crafts room, pantry, kitchen and rest rooms. The site's amenities include a tennis court, basketball court, tot lot, jogging/walking path, and a small parking lot. Meetings have been held to update the community on the utility work that will affect the surrounding street access.

Construction of the **Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center** is scheduled to begin in late fall 2005, pending the allocation of an **additional \$1.9 million**. If fully funded, the project will include a fitness center, spray-park, gymnasium, computer lab, multi-purpose room, weight room and other ancillary amenities. **For more information on the status of these projects or on other recreation services, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 202-673-7665 or visit their website at www.dpr.dc.gov**

Transportation

A major streetscape project is planned for **16th Street** as part of that thoroughfare's major reconstruction. While much of the street work and reconfiguration is already completed, landscaping of the median areas will create an exciting gateway into the city that will include a memorial to District residents who perished during WWI. The project is expected to begin fall 2005. **For more information about this streetscape project or other transportation services, contact DDOT at 202-673-6813 or visit the [Green Spaces](http://www.greenspacesfordc.org) web site at www.greenspacesfordc.org.**

Don't Forget:

The **DC Free Summer Meals Program** for youth 18 and younger runs from **June 22-August 31, 2005**. **Call 202 463-6211** or visit www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov for more information or locations.

Applications are being accepted for the **Mayor's Advisory Neighborhood Commission Leadership Award**. For more information call 202-442-8161 or go to www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov

On days when the "heat index" reaches 95 degrees, there are **2 Cooling Centers** opened for District residents at **441 4th Street, NW** and **2000 14th Street, NW**. The DC Energy Office has fans for qualified residents. Call 202-673-6750 for more information.

Don't forget to get your child(ren) immunized. School starts August 29, 2005. For more info call 202-576-7130.

DON'T LOSE THESE NUMBERS!

General Information	202 727-1000
(illegal dumping, trash collection/ leaf collection)	
Immunizations	202 576-7130
DMV Services	202 727-5000
Metro, Bus/Rail	202 962-1234
Medicaid/Food Stamps	202 724-5506
DCPS	202 724-4222
Senior Transportation	202 724-5626
Tax Assistance	202 727-4829
Open Hydrant	202 612-3400